

types of tests is to have one and to have a bad one. What we have found is there are no standards on fetal ultrasound, and certainly I think that should be required. People should know as consumers what is a good, good effort in this field.

The other very sad thing that our statistics show is there is a tremendous difference on the basis of race. African-American women have a much more difficult time and are much more apt to die from pregnancy than women of other races in this country. We think part of that is because of insurance coverage, and many other things. But those are all things that should be focused on.

So I would hope that as we bring this century to a close, we once again focus on safe motherhood and doing everything this great Nation can do to try and reduce the number of fatalities that are much too high.

ADOPTING ENGLISH AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. ROTH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROTH. Madam Speaker, I want to say that I am happy that the House passed a very important bill on August 1, but I am somewhat concerned that this bill is languishing in the other body, and I hope that the other body will take up the legislation quickly.

Teddy White, one of the greatest sociologists, certainly one of the greatest sociologists of our time, wrote such memorable books as "Making of the President, 1960, 1964, 1968, and 1972." He wrote before his death that as America comes to the centennial now, the greatest concern he has for our country is that America is no longer one Nation, that we are losing our oneness, that we are now becoming a nation of groups.

In his book, "America in Search of Itself," he goes into some detail on that problem. He said that America at one time was a melting pot, that we Americans represent every individual group, every religion, every linguistic group from every corner of the globe here in America, but we are one nation, one people. Why? Because we have had a wonderful commonality, a common glue called the English language. And as Teddy White said, we are losing that, and we are losing it very quickly today. This Nation, if we become divided on language, can never be put back together again. So if we want to keep this country, the United States of America, one nation, then we have to keep this commonality.

That is why I am so delighted that the House on August 1 passed by such a huge majority, 259-169, a bill to make English our official language. I know that the election is near, that it is just days away, but we have to think of our country first, before any election. That is why I think it is so important for us

now to ask our friends in the other body to do everything they can to bring up the bill to make English our official language.

The "Disuniting of America" is another book that Arthur Schlesinger wrote. In his book, he mentioned that we face a real crisis if we allow our country to break up into different groups, that we have to keep this concept that we have had from the beginning, of America being a United States of America, and for that we need the commonality, we need the common glue of the English language.

Madam Speaker, I hope that we in this House will continue that fight, because the American people have strongly supported our initiative to make English our official language. In every poll that has been taken the American people have voted overwhelmingly to approve, to make English our official language. The people know how important it is to keep the oneness, because again we represent every group, every culture, every language in the world. If we are to keep this United States of America one nation, one people, then we have to have this commonality, this common glue.

So, Madam Speaker, I ask the people in this House and the other body to unite together and to go forward with the certitude that the American people have strongly endorsed this legislation. The American people very much want this legislation, so we can always remain the United States of America, one nation, one people, one language.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mrs. SCHROEDER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes on September 26.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes each day, on September 24, 25, 26, and 27.

Mr. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes on September 24.

Mrs. SCHROEDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LAHOOD, for 5 minutes on September 25.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. SCHROEDER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. CAMP.

Mr. DAVIS.

Mr. GILMAN.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that

committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2464. An act to amend Public Law 103-93 to provide additional lands within the State of Utah for the Goshute Indian Reservation, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2512. An act to provide for certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2982. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama;

H.R. 3120. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering; and

H.R. 3287. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Crawford National Fish Hatchery to the city of Crawford, Nebraska.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

On September 20, 1996:

H.R. 3396. An act to define and protect the institution of marriage;

H.R. 2679. An act to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, to expand the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3060. An act to implement the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty;

H.R. 3553. An act to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission; and

H.R. 3816. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 24, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5231. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Nectarines and Fresh Peaches Grown in California; Assessment Rates [Docket No. FV96-916-1 FIR] received September 23, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5232. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Assessment Rate [Docket No.